The Srinagar Composite Power Project which includes the Srinagar H.E. Project has been sanctioned an amount of 350 million US dollars loan by the World Bank.

Review on the success achieved by Khadi and Village Industries

1457. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any review on the success achieved on the coverage of Khadi and Village Industries during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what was the target set and achievement made so far;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to raise the coverage during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. It was reviewed in the All India Industry Ministers' Conference held on 8-7-1989 at New Delhi.

(b) (i) Seventh Plan Target—From 1.50 lakh villages to 2.00 lakh villages.

(ii) Achievement—2.10 lakh villages by 1988-89.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. The All India Industry Ministers' Conference has endorsed the suggestion that additional 1.50 lakh villages should be covered by KVIC in the Eighth Plan by adoption of cluster approach wherever appropriate.

Sick industries in the country

1458. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of sick industries in the country at present;

(b) what are the main reasons of their sickness;

(c) whether Government propose to take over some of the sick industries, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHR M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The data on sick industrial units in the country is maintained by Reserve Bank of India. As per the latest data available from them, there were 1119 sick industrial units in Non-SSI Sector and 2,04,259 sick units in the SSI Sector as at the end of December, 1987.

(b) A number of causes, both internal and external often operating in combination have been responsible for industrial sickness. Some of the principal causes are faulty planning, management deficiencies, inefficient financial control, diversion of resources, inadequate attention to R&D(obsolescence of technology and machinery, poor industrial relations, inadequate demand, shortage of raw materials and other inputs and infrastructural constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The general policy of the Government is not to take over/nationalise sick and non-viable units so that the scarce resources could be employed for setting up viable and more efficient new units.

Outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards and NTPC towards BHEL

1459. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that dues are outstanding against verious State Electricity Boards as well as NTPC towards BHEL; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?